

Infrastructure Improvements Needed to Support Gas Pipeline Construction

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# GAS PIPELINE CORRIDOR Prudhoe Bay To Canadian Border

## **BASIC TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

- Gas pipeline will be different than TAPS
  - × Buried construction, more earthwork truck loads
  - × Heavier pipe (0.5" v. 1.25")
  - × Greater use of large "modules"
  - × More ports of entry
  - × More air freight traffic
  - × Higher background traffic
  - × More pavement at risk
  - "Just in time" delivery approach likely



## WHY NOW?

- Only 6 Construction Seasons (including FY09) Until Gasline Construction
- x Too Much Work to be Compressed into a 2 to 3 Year Construction Window
- Bad Roads = Slower Gasline Construction and Increased Costs
- Key Bid Ready Projects Save Future Inflation as well as Maintenance Costs by Doing Projects Now

### WHY NOW? CONTINUED

- Insufficient Federal Highway Funds and Timeline for Federal Projects
- Don't Want Roads Under Construction During Gasline Construction
- Projects will be Training Ground for Trades
  Needed for Gasline
- × Reduce Accidents / Save Lives

### **STATE FUNDS ADVANTAGES**

#### Years



# **KEY CHOKEPOINTS**

- Atigun Pass
- Yukon River Bridge
- Fairbanks, North Pole, Delta Junction
- Alaska Range and Thompson Pass
- Haines and Haines Highway
- Anchorage to Wasilla



### EXAMPLE OF LIMITING BRIDGE GERSTLE RIVER - ALASKA HIGHWAY



Multi-span, with height and width restrictions on module movements. Estimated Cost to Replace >\$50 M

# GAS PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR DESCRIPTION

- Upgrade Bridges, Highways, Material Sites and Maintenance Camps
- Improve Safety and Drivability
  - Width
  - Alignment
  - Grades
  - Embankment
  - Surfacing Improvements
- × Improve Maintainability



#### Transportation Corridors Identified for Ongoing Analysis

ROUTE KEY			
ID	ROUTE	MP START	MP END
A1	Alaska	1422	1315
A2	Alaska	1314	1221
D1	Dalton Hwy	0	415
E1	Elliott	0	68
G1	Glenn Hwy	0	34
G2	Glenn Hwy	35	180
H1	Haines	0	44
K1	Klondike	0	66
M1	Pt. MacKenzie	0	10
P1	Parks Hwy	0	323
PG1	Portage Glacier	0	5
R1	Richardson Hwy	0	117
R2	Richardson Hwy	118	268
R3	Richardson Hwy	269	362
S1	Steese Hwy	0	11
SE1	Seward Hwy	0	78
SE2	Seward Hwy	79	125
T1	Tok Cutoff	0	121



### GAS PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR DESCRIPTION

- × Part 1
  - + Dalton/Elliott Highways Prudhoe Bay to Fairbanks
- × Hub in Fairbanks
- × Part 2
  - + Richardson Highway Fairbanks to Delta
  - + Alaska Highway Delta to Canadian Border

## **DALTON HWY CORRIDOR COST SUMMARY**

### × Scope: 36 Projects Along 415-Mile Corridor

- + 24 Highway projects
- + 3 Airports
- + 2 Bridges
- + 7 Facilities
- × Schedule: July 2008 December 2014
- × Cost: \$1.0 Billion Average \$167 Million a Year for 6 Years
- × Initial Funding Request: \$100 Million GF

# **DALTON HWY CORRIDOR PROJECTS**

#### Initial \$100M Request

#### Construction \$75.5M

- Dalton MP 9-11: Reconstruction
- Dalton MP 175-197: Reconstruction Includes Bridge Replacement
- Dalton MP 260-321: Culvert Repairs, Replace with Bridge

#### Design \$24.5M

- Dalton MP 0-55:
- 100% Design
- Material Site Study: Entire Corridor





### **ELLIOTT HWY CORRIDOR**



### ELLIOTT HWY CORRIDOR COST SUMMARY

### × <u>Scope:</u> 6 Projects Along 73-Mile segment

- + 3 Highway projects
- + 1 Airport
- + 1 Bridge
- + 1 Facility
- × Schedule: June 2009 December 2014
- × Cost: \$100 million

### **RICHARDSON HWY CORRIDOR**



### **RICHARDSON HWY CORRIDOR COST SUMMARY**

### × <u>Scope:</u> 21 Projects along 95-mile segment

- + 15 Highway projects
- + 2 Bridges
- + 4 Facilities
- × Schedule: June 2009 December 2014
- × Cost: \$300 million

### **ALASKA HWY CORRIDOR**



# ALASKA HWY CORRIDOR COST SUMMARY

### × Scope: 23 Projects along 200-mile segment

- + 9 Highway projects
- + 2 Airports
- + 9 Bridges
- + 3 Facilities
- × Schedule: June 2009 December 2014
- × Cost: \$600 million

# WHY START WITH DALTON HWY CORRIDOR

- Dalton Hwy is Alaska's major industrial highway
  - Construction Projects Will be Ready for Bid in Early 2009
  - Start Design on the Worst Sections, Proceed to Environmental with Goal of Bid Ready in 2010/2011 – Completing Construction in 2014
  - Material Sites are Depleted in This Corridor; New Sites Need to be Identified, Permitted and Developed

## **ISSUE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### Who pays?

- + Some road work needed regardless
- + FERC ruled in 1980's pipeline traffic part of ordinary highway use (cannot penalize or treat pipeline differently)
- + Yet, the past tells us pavements will be obliterated!
- + Will FERC see it differently this time?

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (2)

STIP funds 'tapped' out

- + Funding levels decline in 2009
- + New earmarks less likely
- + Urban and other needs are great
- + STIP \$\$ <u>cannot</u> be diverted to gas pipeline on wholesale basis

Status of Shakwak Funds

 Will Yukon Roads/Bridges be able to handle construction loads and traffic

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (3)

Financial responsibility issues to be discussed:

- Major activity site access such as turn lanes (camps, pipe staging yards)
- Weigh station bypass technology
  - + May improve state and carriers efficiencies
- Safety features needed
  - + Truck pull outs to allow passing
  - + Module movements safety pull out areas at bridges
  - + More passing lanes

## **DOT&PF PROGRESS TO DATE**

- × Full time coordinator in place
- Key work identified (bridges, passing lanes, highway reconstruction)
- × Federal funded projects underway
- GO bond projects November election
- Started Conversations with Prospective Builders

## **VISIBLE PROGRESS**







2007 Dalton Highway: Grade heightening at MP 241 to 242 to alleviate snow drifting, and aufeis.

### **NEW JOBS CREATED**



FTE = Full Time Equivalent; 1.0 FTE = 1 full-time worker

# **NEXT STEPS**

- × Begin work on Dalton Highway \$100M
- × Evaluate Needs for FY10 Budget
- × Create State Gasline Permit Office
  - Streamline State Permit Process
  - Increase Federal Permitting Efficiencies
- **×** Establish Apprenticeship Programs
- Establish MOU w/ Canadian Counterparts

# **OTHER ISSUES**

- Size and weight issues
- Extra maintenance and operations support during construction
- Safety and law enforcement
- Aviation needs
- ROW for TC Alaska
- ROW for Bullet Line
  - Denali Park and ANILCA
  - **Construction Impact on Tourism**



# QUESTIONS

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